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AB Our previous studies have demonstrated that 7 of 10 IgG antibodies against distinct epitopes on the extracellular domain of the c-erbB-2 gene product (p185) inhibit the anchorage-independent growth of SKBr3 human breast-cancer cells that overexpress this transmembrane tyrosine kinase growth-factor receptor. Two of 7 growth-inhibitory antibodies also block the binding and function of the gp30 and p75 c-erbB-2 ligands. In this report we have studied phosphorylation of p185 and different intracellular substrates after binding of antibodies that do or do not inhibit tumor-cell growth. A correlation has been found between antibodies that inhibit growth and the intensity of tyrosine phosphorylation of p185. At late intervals, serine phosphorylation of at least 3 intracellular substrates is increased preferentially by growth-inhibitory antibodies. To test the importance of p185 kinase activity more critically, NIH3T3 cells were transfected with an expression vector containing the full-length human c-erbB-2 gene (cell line 17313), c-erbB-2 with deletion of the kinase region from codons 751-979 (cell line 9309) or c-erbB-2 with deletion of most of the intracellular domain from codons 684-1255 (cell line 9310). Unconjugated antibodies inhibited anchorage-independent growth of 17313 cells as well as SKBr3 cells, but did not inhibit growth of either 9309 or 9310 cells. In contrast, the cytotoxic effect of anti-p185

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-ricin A chain (RTA) conjugates was comparable for 17313, 9309 and 9310.

The tyrosine-kinase activity of p185 is required for growth inhibition mediated by unconjugated anti-p185 antibodies, but not for the cytotoxic activity of anti-p185-RTA immunotoxins.

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AB Geldanamycin belongs to the family of benzoquinoid ansamycin
tyrosine-kinase inhibitors. We have examined its effects on Her
-2/neu kinase activity, protein expression level, and
proliferation of Her-2+ malignant cells. In SK-BR-3
breast-cancer cells, short-time treatment with geldanamycin completely
abrogated gp30-ligand-induced activation of Her-
2 without a change of receptor-expression level. Longer treatment
of intact cells with geldanamycin induced decreased steady-state
Her-2 autophosphorylation activity, which correlated
with reduction of Her-2 protein expression and
phosphotyrosine content of several proteins. The decrease was time- and
dose-dependent, starting after 1 hr at 100 nM concentration and reaching
completion by 24 hr. The reduction of the Her-2
protein level probably resulted from increased degradation, since the
Her-2 mRNA level remained constant. Geldanamycin
effects were not specific for Her-2, since the
non-receptor tyrosine-kinase fyn was inhibited equally. In contrast to
these results, protein-kinase-C activity was not affected. In 3 other
malignant cell lines expressing different amounts of Her-
2 (SK-BR-3 > SK-OV-3 > OVCAR3 > MCF7), geldanamycin also

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effectively reduced Her-2-kinase activity proportionally to the decrease of protein expression. In contrast, in a [3H]-thymidine-uptake assay, cell growth was meaningfully inhibited by geldanamycin at nanomolar concentrations only in SK-BR-3 (IC₅₀ 2 nM) and MCF7 (IC₅₀ 20 nM), while OVCAR3 was only moderately sensitive (IC₅₀ 2 microM) and SK-OV-3 was clearly resistant to geldanamycin. In direct comparison with herbimycin A, another benzoquinoid ansamycin that has been more thoroughly characterized, the biologic effects of geldanamycin were more pronounced.